

REMARKS

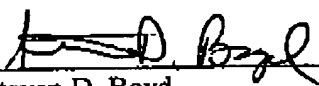
Responsive to the Office action mailed April 13, 2006, Applicants request entry of the forgoing amendments.

Claims 1-16 were subject to restriction and/or election requirement under 35 USC 121. Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to continue prosecution of Group III, claims 9-16 drawn to a process of making compounds of formula (II), wherein the variable n is zero or 1 and the variable x is 1 or 2. Election of a single species within this group was also required. Applicants hereby elect the species set forth in claim 16 wherein variable n is zero, x is 1, R is CH₃ and Z is CH₃(OCH₂CH₂)_pO. Applicants elections are made without prejudice to Applicants rights to proceed with the non-elected claims in properly filed continuing applications.

Applicants submit that in view of the above election, claims 9-16 are in condition for allowance and prompt favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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